

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. It is respectfully submitted that the enclosed amendment, which includes the Examiner's suggested changes, obviates the alleged indefiniteness. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Applicants' admitted prior art. In order to expedite prosecution, claim 1 has been amended, without prejudice/disclaimer to the subject matter embodied thereby, as suggested by the Examiner to incorporate the feature of claim 2, which has been canceled. As there is no prior art rejection against claim 2, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance. In this regard, it is respectfully requested that withdrawn dependent claims 4-5 be rejoined as being dependent on an allowable claim.

CONCLUSION

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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